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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention, which were cited in parent Application No. 09/476,326, and some of which were originally cited in its parent Application No. 08/930,614 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,088,125).

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,941,170, to HENDERSON, issued in July 1990;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,521,719, to YAMADA, issued in May 1996;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,057,935, to WILLIAMS, issued in October 1991;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,960,404, to CHAAR et al., issued in September 1999;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,905,777, to FOLADARE et al., issued in May 1999;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,895,468, to WHITMYER et al., issued in April 1999;

- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,881,233, to TOYODA, issued in March 1999;
- (8) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 6-243073, published in September 1994;
- (9) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 9-265474, published in October 1997;
- (10) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 1-122413, published in April 1999;
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 5,291,302, to GORDON et al., issued on March 1, 1994;
- (12) Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-242326, to TOYODA et al., published on September 1, 1976;
- (13) Japanese Patent Publication No. 05-347678, to HAYASHI, published on December 2, 1993;
- (14) Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-130554, to HIDEO, published on May 21, 1996;
- (15) Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-2541, to KOSHIKOSHI, published on January 8, 1993;
- (16) Japanese Patent Publication No. 4-142843, to SAKAI, published on May 15, 1992;
- (17) Japanese Patent Publication No. 2,268557, to SHINADA, published on November 2, 1990;
- (18) U.S. Patent No. 5,802,510, to JONES, issued in September 1998; and
- (19) U.S. Patent No. 5,767,985, to YAMAMOTO et al., issued in June 1998.

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The following documents were cited by the Examiner in the parent application No. 09/476,326:

(20) U.S. Patent No. 6,088,125, to OKADA, issued July 2000;

(21) U.S. Patent No. 6,205,363, to MIYASAKA, issued March 2001; and

(22) U.S. Patent No. 5,812,278, to TOYODA, issued September 1998.

Further, Applicants note the following previously cited copending applications which have now issued as patents:

(23) U.S. Patent No. 6,088,125 to OKADA et al., which issued on July 11, 2000;

(24) U.S. Patent No. 6,208,426 to SAITO et al., which issued on March 27, 2001;

(25) U.S. Patent No. 6,211,972 to OKUTOMI et al., which issued on April 3, 2001;

and

(26) U.S. Patent No. 6,307,643 to OKADA et al., which issued on October 23, 2001.

Applicants note that copies of the documents 1-23 were either submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed therein, or were supplied by the Examiner during the prosecution of Application Nos. 08/930,614 or 09/476,326. Accordingly, pursuant to the procedure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) additional copies are not provided. However, the Examiner is invited to review and consider these documents in the present application.

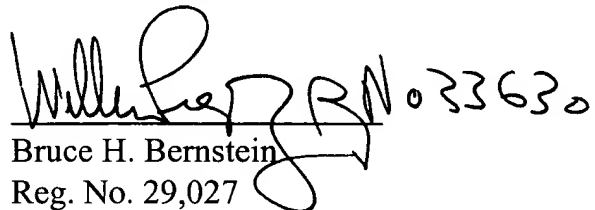
For the convenience of the Examiner, all of the above-noted documents cited in the parent application are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to

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initial the Form PTO-1449 in the appropriate spaces to indicate consideration of each of the documents and to return a copy of the PTO-1449 Form to the undersigned with the next official communication in this application.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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